THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) has been extending financial assistance for areas affected by natural calamities, depending upon the requests of the State Government. However, during the current financial year, so far, no housing scheme for HUDCO's financial assistance has been received from the State Governments of flood affected States.

Employment for urban unemployed under EGS

† SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to add a provision with regard to providing employment to the urban unemployed persons in the Bill which was passed by the Parliament during the previous session for providing employment to rural unemployed persons;

(b)if'so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) No such proposal is uder consideration in the Ministry of Urban Employments Poverty Alleviation.

Ministry of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation is already implementing an employment oriented Urban Poverty Alleviation Centrally Sponsored scheme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), on all India basis, with effect from 1.12.1997, with a view to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed and under-employed poor through encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by the urban poor living below the poverty line, and also through providing wage employment by utilizing their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.